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DIST 21 JUNE 1972

COUNTRY LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM

DOI 18-21 JUNE 1972

SUBJECT 1. LIGHT CONTACT BETWEEN NVA AND IRREGULAR ELEMENTS SOUTH OF PHOU PHA XAI AND IN THE SAM THONG AREA.
2. COMMANDO RAIDER CASUALTY AND ONE IRREGULAR RECONNAISSANCE TEAM MISSING IN ACTION.

PA DOUNG SECTOR

1. IRREGULAR AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) ELEMENTS CLASHED BRIEFLY ON THE MORNING OF 20 JUNE IN THE VICINITY OF TG 965204, THREE KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF PHOU PHA XAI (TG 9422). ONE IRREGULAR WAS KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WOUNDED. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNKNOWN. THERE WAS LIGHT FIREFIGHT

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ACTIVITY DURING THE NIGHT OF 20 JUNE IN THE AREAS OF TG 9520 AND TG 9620 WITH NO CASUALTIES REPORTED FROM EITHER SIDE. THE WEATHER IMPROVED IN THE PA DOUNG (SITE 5, UG 0212) AND PHOU PHA XAI AREAS ON THE MORNING OF 21 JUNE, WHEN AIR RESUPPLY OPERATIONS WERE RESUMED.

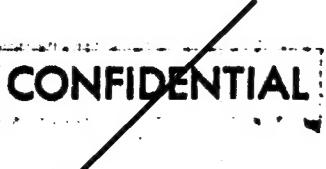
SAM THONG SECTOR

2. TWO IRREGULAR HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE (HLZ) POSITIONS IN THE SAM THONG (SITE 20, TG 7822) AREA WERE PROBED ON THE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT OF 19 JUNE. DELTA ALPHA (TG 776217) HLZ WAS PROBED AT NIGHT BY AT LEAST TWO NVA TROOPS WHO SET OFF TRIP FLARES DURING THEIR APPROACH. IRREGULARS DIRECTED M-79 AND M-16 FIRE INTO THE FLARES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. DELTA VICTOR (TG 783237) HLZ WAS PROBED DURING THE DAY BY AN ESTIMATED 15 NVA TROOPS WHO FIRED SMALL ARMS AND THREW HAND GRENADES INTO THIS POSITION. NO IRREGULAR CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED FROM EITHER FIREFIGHT. NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY WAS REPORTED AS OF 1000 HOURS ON 21 JUNE.

LONG TIENG/BOUAM LONG/MUONG NHAM SECTORS

3. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH ENEMY ELEMENTS IN THE

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LONG TIENG, BOUAM LONG (SITE 32, UG 2686), OR MUONG NHAM (SITE 63, UF 7596) SECTORS ON 20 JUNE, AND THESE THREE AREAS REMAINED QUIET DURING THE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING HOURS ON 20-21 JUNE.

COMMANDO RAIDER/RECONNAISSANCE TEAM ACTIVITY

4. A COMMANDO RAIDER WAS WOUNDED WHILE ON PATROL BY AN ENEMY BOOBYTRAP WHICH DETONATED ON THE MORNING OF 18 JUNE IN THE VICINITY OF TG 804119, TWO KMS SOUTHWEST OF LONG TIENG. A MUONG RECONNAISSANCE TEAM OPERATING IN THE AREA OF UG 0218, SIX KMS NORTH OF PA DOUNG, HAS NOT BEEN IN RADIO CONTACT WITH IRREGULAR COMMANDERS SINCE REPORTING AN ATTEMPT TO CROSS A RIVER AT NOON ON 17 JUNE. THIS TEAM IS PRESUMED KILLED/CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY OR PERHAPS LOST ITS RADIO EQUIPMENT DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM 18-20 JUNE.

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